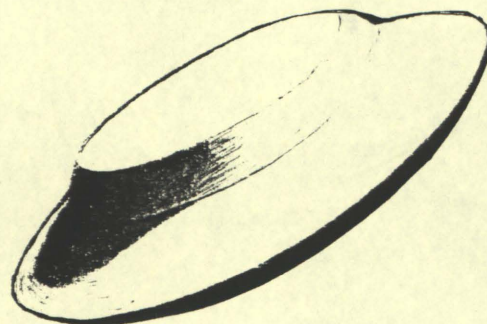
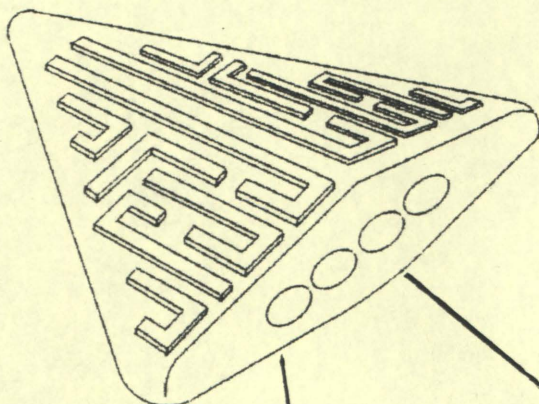
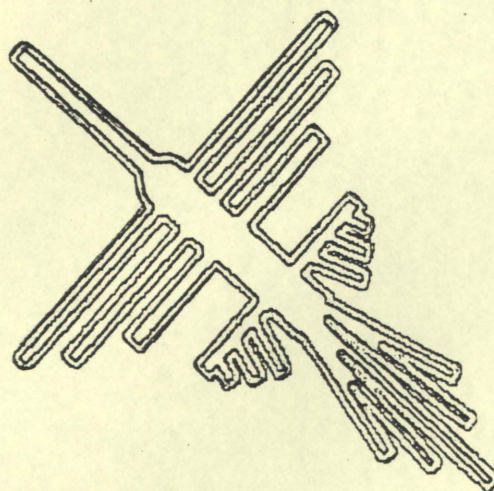


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A BUSY NEW YEAR AND FULL OF INTERESTING EVENTS

It is often the case that when producing the OVNI, I am faced with either a feast or famine situation in the matter of UFO reports. Last month for instance, in view of the lack of stories/reports being received, I reverted to filling the magazine with a tale of an English couple who experienced an Alien encounter in Australia during 1965. Since then I have been inundated with UFO reports not only from the UK, but from countries as far away as Australia and New Zealand.

Several of the letters and phone calls that I have received in recent weeks have been as the result of my monthly 'UFO Phone-In' broadcast on BBC Radio Derby. A number of witness reports tell of very strange experiences and encounters. Several of these reports have been included in this issue.

THE SAD PASSING OF A FRIEND AND INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCHER

It was only while compiling this months OVNI, that I received the sad news that the well known Spanish (Catalan) UFO researcher ANTONIO RIBERA had passed away on the 24th September 2001. A letter received from his daughter Nuria, informed me that her father had died peacefully at the age of 81.

Although I knew of Antonio Ribera, it was only when I moved to Spain in 1986 that I had the opportunity to meet him. Although I had only been in my residence a matter of weeks, he drove from his Catalan home to visit me, pursued by a Spanish TV crew who were anxious to interview him. They then proceeded to carry out the interview in my lounge, as his opinions were much sought after at the time.

At the age of 16, during the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), Antonio found himself driving a small car, which acted as an ambulance for the Republican forces. He related how distressing it was in only being able to help the wounded with his meagre supplies of Aspirins and a few bandages, in what turned out to be one of the bloodiest conflicts of the 20th Century. In later years he developed his interest in UFO's and was well known as an international author. One book being based upon his underwater survey of Easter Island. This was an undertaking that resulted in him receiving a prestigious award from the famous French underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau.

His contribution to UFO research, especially as a consultant to FSR Magazine, will be sadly missed.



OVNI Editor Omar Fowler visiting Antonio Ribera at his Catalan home.

REFLECTIONS ON A MOTE OF DUST

As the Voyager 1 spacecraft headed out of the Solar System in 1990, it looked back and snapped a 'family portrait' of the Sun and planets. From beyond Pluto the Sun looks like a bright star surrounded by a few faint dots. The earth is one of those dots.

Reprinted below is an excerpt from a presentation made by Carl Sagan in 1996 about the striking image. This eloquent speech reveals how Astronomy has given us a unique perspective on humankind and our precious home.

Reflections on a Mote of Dust

By Carl Sagan - Astronomer

We succeeded in taking that picture, and, if you look at it, you see a dot.

That's here. That's home. That's us.

On it everyone you have ever heard of, every human being that ever lived, lived out their lives. The aggregate of all of our joys and sufferings, thousands of confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and cowards, every creator and destroyer of civilizations, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every hopeful child, every mother and father, every inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every supreme leader, every saint and sinner in the history of our species, lived there on a mote of dust, suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that in glory and in triumph they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of the dot on scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner of the dot. How frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light.

Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity-in all this vastness-there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

It is up to us.

It's been said that Astronomy is a humbling, and I might add, a character-building experience. To my mind there is no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly and compassionately with one another and to preserve and cherish that pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

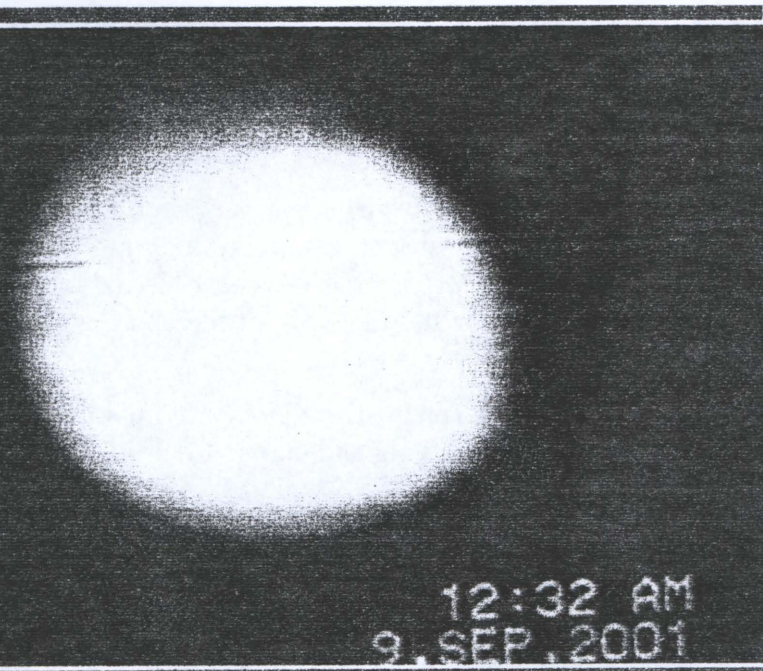
-Carl Sagan (1934-1996)

(With thanks to Susan Cerdan, Florida, USA.)

LOCAL DERBY NEWS

(Investigator: Peter Edwards PRA)

Red sky at night gave duo a fright



by Krista Beighton

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THIS mysterious light was captured on film by a Derby man when he spotted it hovering in the skies above his house.

The image is just one of many filmed by Andrew Garlick near his home in Milton Street, over the last few months.

He says he has no idea what the objects are or why they suddenly appeared.

Mr Garlick (18) and his wife, Danielle (19), first saw a strange object outside their house on Friday, September 7.

They claim they looked through their patio windows and saw a slow-moving oval-shaped white light.

As they went to the window to watch the light, a small, white teardrop shape slowly fell from it and floated towards the ground.

The experience left Mrs Garlick terrified and her husband confused.

He said: "I am not the sort of person who believes in UFOs and that sort of thing but I could not explain what I saw that night."

"It was the weirdest thing I have ever seen," Mrs Garlick said. "I can't think of any logical explanation for what we've witnessed."

After seeing the light, the couple began to watch the skies outside their home more often.

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They saw the oval object a second time and they also saw another strange formation – three white shapes in a triangle.

They saw the hovering single, red-coloured light a few weeks later.

The sightings come months after Bonsall hit the headlines after 19 UFO sightings were reported in four months – including one captured on video by housewife Sharon Rowlands.

UFO enthusiast Peter Edwards, of Lyttelton Street, Derby, has looked at footage of dozens of possible UFO sightings and says he does not think Mr Garlick's footage is a hoax.

"These images could be stars or satellites but there is also a possibility that this is a UFO."

"This footage is very similar to some that was caught on film about five years ago near Blagreaves Lane – and as far as I am concerned, that was certainly a UFO."

East Midlands Airport has confirmed that the area of Derby where Mr Garlick lives is not one of their main flight paths.

The Ministry of Defence refused to comment.

Anyone who thinks they have seen strange objects in the sky should call Krista Beighton at the Derby Evening Telegraph on Derby 291111 extension 6502.

PRA Member Paul Usher's FT Encounter 25-11-01

The time was about 3.30pm on the afternoon of Sunday the 25th of November last year, as I drove along the A47 road heading from Great Yarmouth towards Norwich. It was a grey overcast day, with low cloud at a height of about 2,550 to 3,500ft.

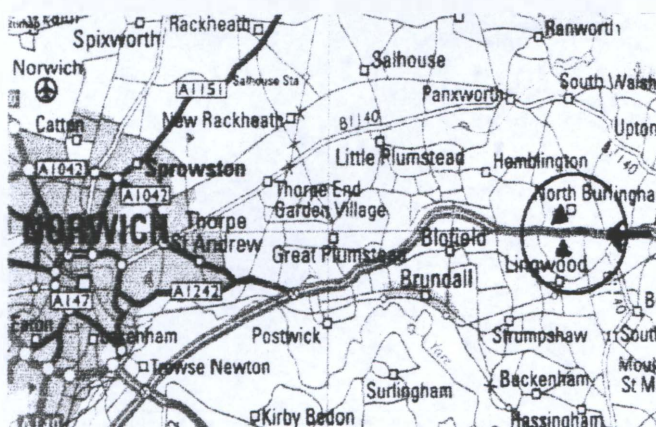
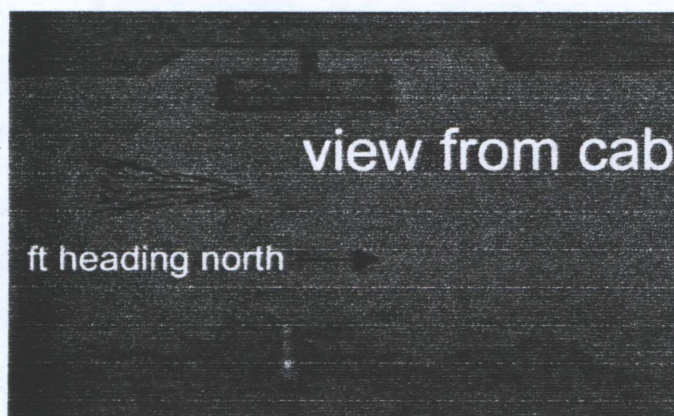
As I was driving along, I first noticed in my peripheral vision, what I thought at first was a flock of birds flying in a 'V' formation from my left moving across to my right. As I was driving fairly fast I had to focus my attention on the road ahead, but I quickly realised that what I was seeing was not a flock of birds but an almost invisible triangular craft of some kind as it travelled through the misty clouds.

I could barely discern the shape as it appeared to be capable of generating light and colour to match the sky. It did not leave a vortex of any kind, either from what may have been the wingtips or body of the shape. It was only barely visible for a few seconds at a time, as it seemed to rock slightly and it was then that the leading edges and the body of the object showed up darker. I estimated the speed of the craft at about 200mph.

The whole incident happened so quickly and it was so difficult to observe. Within ten to fifteen seconds, it was all over. (See drawing and map below).

Editor's Note: *There are a number of important airfields in the East Anglia area and it is quite possible that a Stealth aircraft of some kind may have been based in the vicinity. It is also understood that a camouflage system is being developed which may feed a background field of view through fibre-optics, onto the front surface of a vehicle (airborne or otherwise). This could render a craft with such a system virtually invisible, apart from some localised atmospheric pressure building up on the leading surfaces and flickering over the craft as a brief flash of vapour.*

It is difficult to differentiate between the object being a highly advanced Stealth craft or on the other hand, it may even have been an Alien craft?



Hucknall Airfield Incident

Dear Mr. Fowler,

U.F.O. Incident

Having read your article in the Evening Telegraph Special Publication "Supernatural Derbyshire" of 15th. October, I feel impelled to acquaint you with an incident which my wife and I witnessed one evening some years ago from Hucknall Airfield at about 9 p.m. as dusk was setting in.

We had driven over from Derby as I had a small maintenance task to perform on one of the Flying Club aircraft; my wife accompanied me as it was a pleasant evening for a short trip. I had parked my car just inside the hedge bordering the airfield along the Watnall road near the Flying Club hangars. After finishing my work I was locking a small gate in the fence enclosing the segregated parking area, facing towards Watnall, when I became aware of a cluster of red and yellow lights in the sky at what (in the absence of any scale reference) I estimated at about a height of 2000 ft. and a distance of about two miles.

The cluster as a whole appeared motionless, although the yellow lights, which were in the minority, seemed to drift about randomly within the group. The intriguing feature was the total silence accompanying the apparition. It was about 9p.m. and there was practically no background noise at that hour on that calm evening, but no hint of engine noise or helicopter rotor blade "beat" was evident.

I drew my wife's attention to the spectacle and we both pondered as to its nature. Could it be a large balloon or airship, perhaps carrying an illuminated advertisement not visible to us from our viewpoint? After some minutes since we first noticed the phenomenon it suddenly started to move to the left - in the direction of Nottingham. Its speed was not startling - similar to what one might have expected from a light aircraft. After a few minutes it had become too distant to claim our further attention so we drove home - puzzled, but not over-excited.

Imagine our amazement when the next day's Derby Evening Telegraph reported that several people in Apsworth the previous evening had found that loose coins in their pockets had mysteriously become bent (Shades of Uri Geller, of bent forks and spoons fame!). Apsworth lies in the

Hucknall Airfield Incident contd:

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direction in which I had been looking from Hucknall and is three miles distant (measured by 1:250,000 map). There were no reports of anyone noticing the lights in the sky which had absorbed our interest.

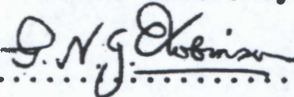
Naturally I discussed the phenomenon with several friends at the time, but it remains a classic "Unidentified Flying Object" to me, and I thought that, with the current interest in supernatural events it would be a pity if I "shuffle off this mortal coil" (I am 84!) without at least leaving this little account with someone like yourself for posterity. The weakness is that I cannot put a precise date to the incident despite an extensive trawl through my own records, because I was active with the R.R. Merlin Flying Club at Hucknall for 27 years and made many similar out-of-hours visits. The best I can offer is that I believe it must have occurred around 1990 $\pm$ 5 years. Since it was dusk and about 9 p.m. I would assume it was in April/May or July/August.

If this incident matches up with anything in your existing records I should be interested to know. To give some credence to the story, let me acquaint you briefly with my life-long interest and involvement with aviation in general and aircraft engineering in particular. I joined the R.A.F. as a Halton Apprentice in 1933 and trained as a Fitter II (Airframes and Engines), subsequently serving as an airman and N.C.O. until commissioned as an Engineer Officer in 1941. With the advent of the jet engine at the end of the War I elected to leave the R.A.F. and try to secure a position in the Design Dept. of an Aero-engine manufacturer. After one false start with De Havillands I contacted Rolls-Royce and was immediately offered a post as Technical Assistant in the Aero-Service dept. I served with R.R. for thirty-five happy years, retiring on my 65th birthday after the last four years as Maintainability Engineer on the RB211-535 Design Team.

In 1972 I had joined the R.R. Merlin Flying Club as a student pilot, having failed to attain pilot status during my R.A.F. career. I qualified as a Private Pilot in 1974 and flew with the Club until 1998 when I was 80! Apart from flying, I had been Club Engineer from 1975 till my retirement from R.R., but I then continued doing most of the practical aircraft maintenance work until the death of my wife in 1999.

With kindest regards,

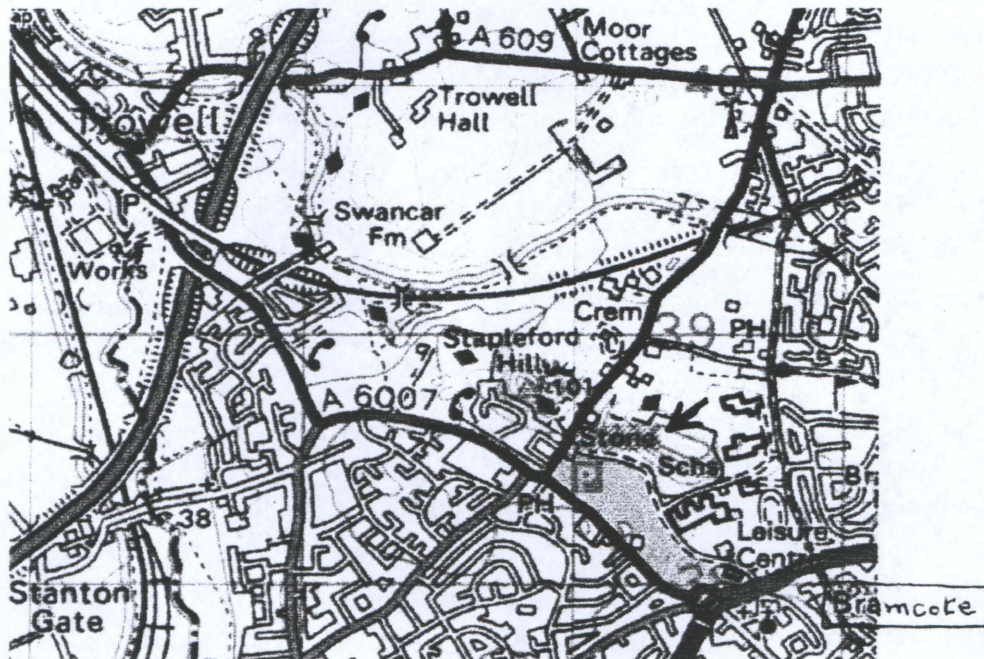
Yours sincerely


..... (G.N.J. Robinson)

MORE STRANGE STORIES FROM THE BRAMCOTE, NOTTS.AREA

In the July/August 2001 edition of the OVNI, we published an article and photographs, showing lights filmed at night by a Mr John Wright in the Trowell area.

For a number of years we have been receiving isolated reports of lights in the area between Trowell and Bramcote (Notts.) This area is situated between Derby and Nottingham (See map).



There has been some speculation that the 'Hemlock Stone' (see map) could be the reason for the unusual activity in the area. The history of the stone is uncertain, but it has been stated that it can be traced back to Pagan times. Whether or not rituals were carried out at the site of the stone is unclear.

Yet another report has come to light as the result of the BBC Radio Derby 'UFO Phone-In' programme, in which your editor participates. The strange details related by 'John' are published below.

Regarding the lights at Bramcote Park. The lights which I have seen during daylight hours, are nothing like the white light described by the man at Trowell. However, about five years ago, after dark, a white light was visible at the exact spot close to the '**Hemlock Stone**', south-east of Trowell. I watched for about thirty minutes through field glasses, went outside to find no noise of an engine. I rang Beeston Police to ask if local residents had reported anything odd.

The officer sent a Panda Car to investigate, but they saw nothing. The Police rang me later to let me know that nothing had been seen (2 hours after I had telephoned them). This was too late, as the object moved off ten minutes after I had telephoned them. It was obviously not a helicopter (no noise) or a balloon, as the wind was westerly and the object moved off against the wind.

Turning now to the other lights; I have lived here for thirty years and the lights over Bramcote Park have been visible for the past 2 1/2 years. They appear at random intervals, always in daylight. I saw them last on Tuesday morning (27-11-01) at 11.05am. I have seen them so often that I have assumed they must be man-made, but by whom and to what purpose is unknown to me.

The lights are visible for long periods. I first saw them at 11.05am and they were still flashing and dancing at 11.30am. There are 6/7 at a time and they look just like sodium street lights and flash on and off as they move horizontally and erratically up and down the park, near the **Hemlock Stone** end. They are low down and can be seen against a background of trees and are very bright indeed, as they can be seen on the brightest of days. I cannot understand why nobody has reported anything to the press or radio!

Bramcote events. Contd:

'THE FLYING DWARF'

After 'John' had described his light sightings over Bramcote Park, he mentioned that something very peculiar had occurred several years previously near his home. He then went on to reveal that a 'Floating Alien' had been observed by himself and members of his family, hovering over his neighbourhood. 'John' described the event below:

I was a little relieved that you take the subject of the 'Dwarf' and his 'Back-Pack' so seriously.

It was on a July evening about nine years ago (1992), the time was 8.50pm and it was a bright and breezy evening. I was in the front room watching TV, with my wife seated next to me. My daughter (21) was in the front bedroom upstairs, listening to music with her fiancé (also aged 21/22).

Our television was in the corner of the room next to the window and it was because I was seated in this position that I was in line with the objects angle of descent and I saw 'it' first. It (the airborne figure) came down at an angle of 45 degrees, moving East to West i.e. into the wind.

My first reaction was to think that it was a pilot in trouble who had baled out! My wife shouted out "What the hell is that?" Then I noticed that there was no parachute and then the figure (see sketch) began to 'hover' above the roof of the house opposite.

After it had begun to hover for about 15/20 seconds, two things happened. Firstly, a woman (in her 50's) who was walking along the pavement looked up and saw the figure and immediately ran off down the road at some speed. Next, my daughter shouted downstairs. "Mum, Dad, can you see that thing across the road?"

All of us watched it for about another 15 seconds until it moved off Norwest at a speed of about 2/3mph. It moved horizontally in a very steadily motion, and was soon lost out of sight over the rooftop ridges of the nearby houses.

The figure was 'dwarf-like', very chunky and everything about it was dark green, except for the semi-transparent dome covering its head. I observed that it had boots, gloves, a jacket, trousers/overalls. The figure had what appeared to be a twin cylinder back pack, which was also dark green.

His arms were held out in front, as he seemed to be operating the controls of the jet (?) back pack. His face and head could not be clearly seen as the dome also seemed to be tinted with green.

I do not know if there was any sound. I would have liked to have asked the lady that had been outside, but none of us recognised her.

For some strange reason I was glad that we were not outside as I felt there was something distinctly menacing about that creature. I just wonder why no-one else reported this sighting. Too embarrassed perhaps or fear of ridicule.

(1) Globe helmet not fully rounded, but flattened on top.

(2) Top of boots and waistband/belt was a darker green.

(3) The arms seemed to be moving cables or levers.



'Johns' sketch of the figure

A Selection of New Zealand Reports

**By Harvey L.Cooke
of Tauranga NZ**

Over the years there have been many reports of UFOs around New Zealand
These are a few of the more notable ones

The first report with some substantial evidence is from the year 1178 AD Just west of Gore in the South Island is the area known as Tapanui Maoris have given names to some of the area that help support this strange occasion .The names suggest that a very bright light came in over Stewart Island and headed inland and then at a place known as Tapanui the light exploded Research on this now shows that there were four discs being controlled as one That is they were stacked one on top of the other and controlled from one of the four. This is not uncommon One disc exploded and the others followed causing explosions that left strong traces in the ground The effect of these explosions were felt up as far as Mt Cook There is still evidence of the very high heat which occurred and fused the sand and charred timber instantly in the area The winds in this area are quite turbulent at times and even today small UFO type lights are seen in this area Some people going into this area also get a feeling of elation . This case was investigated by a professor and a good group of investigators There is a 3 hour videotape made of the findings

The next stage was 1909 when a craft which looked like an airship was seen over Otago There were no airships in NZ at this time and those that had been built in Europe could in no way travel this distance This UFO had a very powerful searchlight on it and for three months travelled up and down both islands and at times using its powerful light to light up the ground The nearest sighting to here was at Waihi Beach

Afterward this craft moved to Australia for 3 months then was last seen in USA

Bruce Cathie while flying a DC3 over Kaipara Harbour observed a submerged UFO on the bottom of the harbour . The object was in shallow water and so could not have been a submarine Bruce has written 6 books the first being "Harmonic 33" which could be the most read UFO book in N.Z.

Many places observed UFOs over the next few years but in 1969 at Ngatea a disc type made a landing on farm land and left behind some remarkable evidence which hadn't been found here before From the evidence it was possible to actually track the take off of the craft which headed south Ngatea is on the main road to Auckland from Tauranga The site was about 2 miles out of the town The farmer was going to clear the back field which had not been used for a time When he and the contractor went to view the field it was noticed that the Manuka or also known as Ti tree it was seen that a good section of it had become bloomed The farmer went to take a closer look and found that some of the trees ,which were about 4ft6in to 5 ft in height, had been crushed It is impossible to walk through Titree and not leave obvious signs There was also no evidence that vehicles had been in . So there could not have been a hoax The bloomed area was at the Northern end and was about 56ft across The whole bloomed area was shaped like a cone on its side The top end was much wider It was noticed that the area outside the cone were still fresh and growing Where the disc had touched down there were three pad marks These were about 3 ft across and

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each was 9ft apart in a triangular From the pads there were two "toes" to each pad and were at 30 degs They varied in length They showed that the craft had tilted slightly on take off The "Toes" had been put out after touch down as the end of them had acted like a bulldozer blade and cut through the ground These smaller Ti trees had trunks of a bit over 1/4 inch thick On examination . If the trunks were split down it was seen that there was a radiation mark that looked like an inverted tick Above this the cell structure was open and small crystal of sap were included Below the Tick the trunk was just normal dead trunk We had a good team examining the area The Auckland University at the time had a UFO group and they came down and examined the spider and other life forms and found that all in the bloomed area had been killed by radiation With the Tick . We took a line up the centre of the bloomed area and at different distances the height of the Tick was measured then a line to the left was taken and bisected that area and again the measurements were taken All this was put on graph paper and we could then determine the craft line of flight on take off We estimated the craft to be on legs of about 5ft as only the very tops of the trees were broken at the top We felt sure that the radiation at take off spread outwards from the rim of the craft and as it lifted so the radiation spread The Govt. sent some "Experts" from the D.S.I.R. (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) to look about 6 weeks after the first finding and tried to take plastic impressions of the pad marks but they didn't look a bit like the original pads After all there had been thousands of people tramping through the area by then Also the DSIR knew nothing about our discovery of the "Tick" marks

Another strong case was the Kaikoura sightings which were recorded on film This was taken from a transport aircraft operated by a company know as SAFE Air Capt Bill Startup was the captain . The aircraft went from Blenheim to Christchurch then later in the early hours of the morning returned to Blenheim The craft were also recorded on Radar from Wellington as well as on the aircraft's radar There was a stupid suggestion that the lights seen were from Scrimp boats off Banks Peninsular but I have yet to hear of a scrimp boat travelling at 10,000 MPH (16200 kph)at 10,000ft (303. M) The incident was filmed by a film crew that were on board. There was a good footage film taken

The reason why the film crew were onboard was that a week before the crew flying South saw some strange light and Channel 9 Australia arranged for a reporter and a film crew to travel the next Saturday night to get some background to the sightings On the way down to Christchurch the camera mans wife would fly back so another sound operator was obtained to do the return journey It was on this rip that the best filming was done also the Radar at Wellington Airport got some good evidence of something in and around the aircraft as it came up the Kaikoura coast One frame of the film was particularly interesting Down a strip of film could be seen just a strange dot of light abut suddenly on one frame only was a mark that looked something like this & and when the film was checked out in America by Maccabee he stated that in that one frame exposed at .044 of a sec the object had done a 2000ft loop and stopped That meant the object must have done something like over 4000MPH

Someone suggested it was film shake but they got some of the best camera men to see if they shake a camera for only one frame but it was impossible

Some years back we had an interesting case in Tauranga and witnessed by 9 people An object was over the eastern section of the Mount On the seaward side . It was watched from the Sulphur Point area The craft came up to the Mount but crossed over to the harbour side This was in the early hours of the morning the craft stopped about half way up the Mount and looked like a railway carriage with lights at the windows It then moved to just over the entrance and suddenly left at a very high speed,

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We had another case . About 8 people witnessed this from different parts of Tauranga. An object was seen coming over from approximately Mt Te Aroha then down the inner harbour over the land to the oceanside and on down to off the end of Maketu It was found out that this craft must have been over Auckland before and came down on a straight line The estimated speed was 1500 MPH (2430KPH)

Three men fishing off Matakana Island at about 9pm The boat was pointing towards the island (near Hunters Creek) and the men were fishing from the stern Suddenly one saw an object above the Kaimais -over 25 miles away- towards the general direction of Rotorua .

As they watched it moved above the Kaimai towards Mt Te Aroha and at that point joined two other similar craft They were big (Bigger than two 747s) and were shaped like triangles and when the three met up they all moved off together

In N.Z. we have had a number of Abduction cases

Another strange case of which there is a book out was the case of a man who left Rotorua for Auckland in a Jaguar car The journey was to take a little over 3 hours but it was 10 days before he got to Auckland He and his car were drawn up into a UFO and he was taken to another planet The book tells of his adventure and what it was like elsewhere

This sort of thing has happened in other places

When George Adamski was in N.Z in 1959 he was with a party of people at Taupo and they saw a "mother ship" above the lake and it was releasing several discs.

There was a 600 ft (18 ,18M) in diameter disc over Tauranga one wet and windy day when all flying had been cancelled Auckland had picked it up near Waihi on Radar and watched it come down the coast and had checked with Tauranga Airport The Secretary of the Tauranga Aero Club happened to look out the window and in a gap in the cloud saw this disc The weather was foul that day I know because I was out in it.

There are many sightings of discs and lights etc around N.Z.

Bruce Cathie at one stage recorded the number of red flares seen at sea but he got so many that if all of them had been ships in distress there would not be a boat left around N.Z. shores

This is the latest. one evening around 8 .PM a Chemtrail was seen over the Mt Maunganui

This is like contrails but at a lower altitude There are a number of trails which go in one direction and the others go across to form like a mat We are not sure what these are but do seem to have a chemical content and on a number of occasions people under these chemtrails get nose and throat complaints . The objects making them are white in colour But not for sure who is in control of them

Down near Te Kuiti on a dairy farm a disc had landed near a pond and the rushes had been twisted around and small footprints were noticed in the soft ground. The cows would not go any where near the pond

Also down that way and also on a dairy farm The cattle race to the milking shed was very wet and muddy The cows had been taken out to the fields after milking and nothing else was in the race But in the morning a hole was found in the middle of the race but no wheel marks or footprints It was several feet deep and the side of the hole was baked hard It was estimated that a temperature of around 680 Deg F was needed to do such hardening It looked as though something overhead had taken a large plug of ground out.

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SOUTHERN BRAZIL

On Wednesday, December 12, 2001, "a UFO was videotaped over the city of Araraquara," in the state of Sao Paulo in southern Brazil. "Several people in the Estadio Ferroviaria in the bairro (district of) Ponte saw 'an object of great luminosity that appeared to have little deviation from its course and altitude as it passed over the city. It disappeared as mysteriously as it first appeared.'"

Two days later, on Friday, December 14, 2001, "a UFO was filmed over the satellite city (suburb) of Samambaia," near Brazil's national capital of Brasilia, at about 9 p.m. "The object was described as a brilliant white light making circular manoeuvres in the sky."

News media contacted CINDACTA (Brazil's NORAD-J.T.) but a spokesman said the agency had seen nothing unusual on their radar screens. (Muito obrigado a Eustaquio Andrea Patounas por esos casos.)

MISSISSIPPI. USA

On Friday, December 21, 2001, at 12:30 a.m., Jeremy S. and his brother "were in the street" in Red Banks, Mississippi (population 500) "and we saw two bright balls in the sky. The first two were seen to the north. They looked low. We thought they were flashlights at first. We ran up the street to get a closer look. When we reached the top of the hill, about 10 bright balls rose from behind the trees to the east. We watched them move north and west towards the first two balls we saw. They stopped to form a motionless triangle, and they held this position for about ten seconds. Then individual UFOs would move out and then back into the formation in straight lines. This lasted for about 15 seconds. After this, they all broke formation and moved slowly to the west. They reached a flashing tower and flew back and forth near it. They changed their lights from bright to dim about every 25 seconds. Two dim UFOs flew into a bright UFO and disappeared within it."

"We ran back and got our father, and we went back to the spot down the road where we could see the flashing tower. All the bright-ball-type UFO's were still there. My brother, my father and myself watched the sky for about five more minutes. When we got within a mile of the tower, they all started to fly slowly away in different directions."

Jeremy estimated that the glowing UFOs were "about as high as a passenger aircraft (30,000 feet) and all were slow-moving."

Red Banks is just north of Highway 78 about 40 miles (64 kilometres) north of Oxford, Miss.

EDINBURGH. SCOTLAND UK

Andrew Hennessey reports that world shattering footage was shot on a Digicom at night by Steve X an associate of Russell Penman on Sunday, December 23, 2001. The footage clearly shows three massive motherships over the estuary beside the city of Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. The ships one half to one mile long [best guess at this time] are elliptical, clearly curved at the front, the front terminating in three giant headlights. The two hours of substantial Digicom footage clearly show one many windowed, and many layered mothership issuing forth bright shiny pod shaped ships or beings glowing white. Over the course of the two hours, these ships are disgorged by the mothership in clear focus as they fly off in twos or in formation or singularly over the City of Edinburgh and its suburbs. There are two other ships of similar configuration further off in the distance. This wonderful footage is of earth shattering significance, but also comes by way of several other amazing photographs and other stills by the Penman 'group.'

The Evening Sky

January 2002

As 2002 begins Jupiter blazes brilliantly in the upper regions of the Orion star constellations and is by far the brightest point of light in the sky. Jupiter comes to opposition on the 1st which means it is visible all night long, essentially rising at sunset and setting at sunrise.

The planet Saturn shines to the right of Jupiter in the star constellation of Taurus. Now is a very good time to look at Saturn through binoculars or a telescope. The yellow planet's beautiful ring system (two-and-a-half times the diameter of the planet) is clearly visible.

Mars can be seen in the southwestern sky during the early evening, beaming red in the dim constellation of Pisces. Venus is not visible at all during January. Venus, the planet the Greeks called Aphrodite is lost in the glare of the Sun.

The Earth reaches its closest point to the Sun (perihelion) on the 2nd at 92.5 million miles distance. The Earth is actually 3 million miles closer to the Sun in the middle of winter than it is in the middle of summer.

Just before dawn on the 3rd, the Quadrantid meteor shower peaks. Unfortunately, moonlight will interfere with observation. New Moon occurs on the 13th and Full Moon follows on the 28th.

Light pollution is a major problem for star gazers and it affects the environment and other things too. All living creatures adjust their behaviour according to natural light. Modern societies have the ability to turn night into day by the use of powerful artificial lights. This light creates stress and confusion. If it is not suitably controlled, obtrusive light causes serious physiological and ecological problems not only for the present generation but for future generations too.

Light pollution is the sky-glow produced by the scattering of artificial light in gases, dust particles and water droplets of the air. Without too much effort light pollution can be substantially reduced without detriment to social lighting objectives. We can help to protect the nocturnal environment, reducing the disturbance of natural habitats of animals, plants and ecological processes, and we can avoid glare which impedes aircraft and ships.

Sky-glow presents a real threat to professional astronomers. Advances at the frontiers of astronomy require observations of very faint objects studied with large telescopes located at prime observing sites. Most observations of cosmological interest deal with extremely remote sources, their light having travelled for billions of years, sometimes twice the age of the Earth, only to be lost in the glare of our civilisation during the last one-thousandth of a second of its journey.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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TALE ENDERS

UFO NEWS U.K. is one of the latest 'on-line' magazines to cover world-wide UFO activity. Produced by Anthony James (EMUFORA), it is an excellent source of information and can be obtained free, by contacting Anthony on AJames@emufora.freemove.co.uk (*Highly Recommended Ed.*).

'**Chat it's fate**' magazine, is new on the street and includes an article on the Bonsall UFO activity, with contributions from your editor. It is always time consuming, but worthwhile, to impart ufo information to journalists who are intent on producing a feature on ufo's, but usually don't have a clue as to what it's all about!

ARCHIVES FOR UFO RESEARCH at Norrköping, Sweden, is one of overseas organisations that the PRA is now exchanging information with. The primary function of the 'AFU Newsletter' is to keep interested researchers up to date with the latest information on their vast library of UFO material.

'**UNDER STARRY SKIES** -Tracing Our Cosmic Heritage' is the title of 'New Age Astronomer' Walter Berg's new book on an uplifting and spiritual view of astronomy. Walter is a regular contributor to the OVNI journal (see The Evening Sky). Book details: ISBN 0-9540211-0-X, 204 pages, Price £7.45. E-mail books@uvshift.com [Http://www.uvshift.com](http://www.uvshift.com)

TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN BY A MOTORIST IN OXFORDSHIRE. On Thursday December 27th, 2001, Sarah 'H', was driving away from Wytham village. Oxfordshire on a two-lane country road, towards Botley interchange. The road runs parallel to (Motorway) A34. It was at 8.45pm when "The UFO hovered west on the road, remaining in one position." Sarah reported. "The UFO was Triangular in shape, with one light at each point (corner). It was hovering over Wytham Wood. It was silent. It hovered for approximately four minutes, no higher than 22 feet above the trees. Its fuselage was dark" Sarah added. "I have no pictorial evidence of the encounter" and she added that she feels a bit "Nervous about being considered a loony." (*Our thanks to Bev Wright for passing on this report*).

BELGIUM AND FRANCE NEW UFO WAVE! We understand that there has been an upsurge in UFO reports in Europe, including Black FT's. A Belgian newspaper 'La Dernière Heure' reported on December 19th that a new UFO wave was hitting Belgium. A report by Gilbert Dupont referred to the return of the FT's, with new reports of blue lighting on the underside of the craft. Triangles are being reported with varying lighting structures; red, green, and blue lights as well as UFO's that are orange in colour.

Belgian TV interviewed two young men in Namur, who reported a very close encounter with a silver, cylindrical shaped UFO.

Some of the UFO craft are described as huge flying buildings, (*that has a familiar ring*), possibly two flying triangles stuck together. There have been reports that the craft have produced vibrations that rattle windows and dishes. (*Source Jeff Rense website*).

COULD THE 'TR3B' BE RESPONSIBLE for some of the UFO reports currently being reported? This craft is claimed to be one of the most secret 'Black Budget' craft and is pitch black and triangular shaped. It is claimed to travel silently and was seen to be able to hover silently in the same position for some ten minutes before gently settling onto the tarmac at Groom Lake. A corona of silver-blue light glowed around the circumference of the massive TR3B, believed to be 600ft across.

NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby. At 8pm on Tuesday 29th January.

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